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(54) Title: CALCIUM-CONTAINING STRUCTURES AND METHODS OF MAKING AND USING THE SAME

(57) Abstract: The present invention generally relates to calcium-containing structures and methods of making and using the structures. In one aspect, hollow calcium containing microstructures are used in conjunction with bone tissues/by-products to augment bone defects and extend the supply of bone tissues/by-products for bone augmentation. Bonding agents, such as calcium cements, are also used in the preparation of the hollow calcium microstructures combined with bone tissues/by-products or for use in preparing the hollow microstructures. The calcium-containing microstructures of the present invention are also useful as delivery vehicles of nitric oxide and/or nitric oxide containing or producing compounds for a variety of *in vitro* and *in vivo* uses. Calcium containing contoured substrates upon which cells/tissues can be grown *in vitro* for replacement and repair of tissues *in vivo* that conform in size and shape to the tissue surface to be replaced are also provided.

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5,273,964 A (LEMONS) 28 December 1993 (12/28/1993), see entire reference.	1-43
A	US 4,217,370 A (RAWLINGS ET AL) 12 August 1980 (08/12/1980), see entire document.	1-43

Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Applicant CAP BIOTECHNOLOGY, INC.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority. (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 0 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

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II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority
III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability
IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention
V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application
VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application

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**I. Basis of the report**

## 1. With regard to the elements of the international application:\*

 the international application as originally filed the description:pages 1-23, as originally filed  
pages NONE, filed with the demand  
pages NONE, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_ the claims:pages 24-27, as originally filed  
pages NONE, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19  
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pages NONE, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.  
These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language \_\_\_\_\_ which is:

the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).  
 the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).  
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## 3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

contained in the international application in printed form.  
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 furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.  
 The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.  
 The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4.  The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages NONE  
 the claims, Nos. NONE  
 the drawings, sheets fig NONE

5.  This report has been drawn as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).\*\*

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\*\*Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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## V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

## 1. statement

Novelty (N)

Claims 1-43 YESClaims NONE NO

Inventive Step (IS)

Claims 1-43 YESClaims NONE NO

Industrial Applicability (IA)

Claims 1-43 YESClaims NONE NO

## 2. citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-43 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a composition comprising hollow calcium-containing microstructures and a bone mixture with the claimed percentages by volume in the composition of the components that are contained in the composition. The closest related art is Lemons who teach a method of treatment of bone lesions or bone deficiencies in a living mammal comprising administering a composition comprising inorganic phase and an organic phase wherin the inorganic phase comprises porous particulate TCP ceramic. The reference is silent on the percentages as claimed in the present application.

## ----- NEW CITATIONS -----

NONE